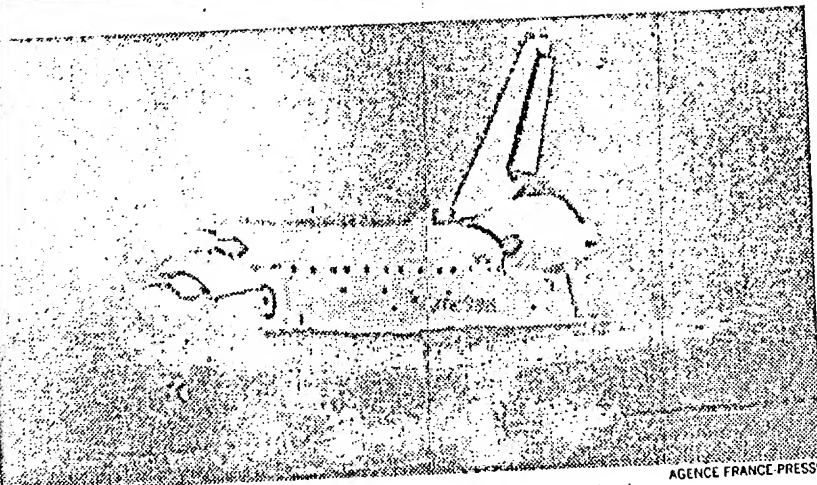


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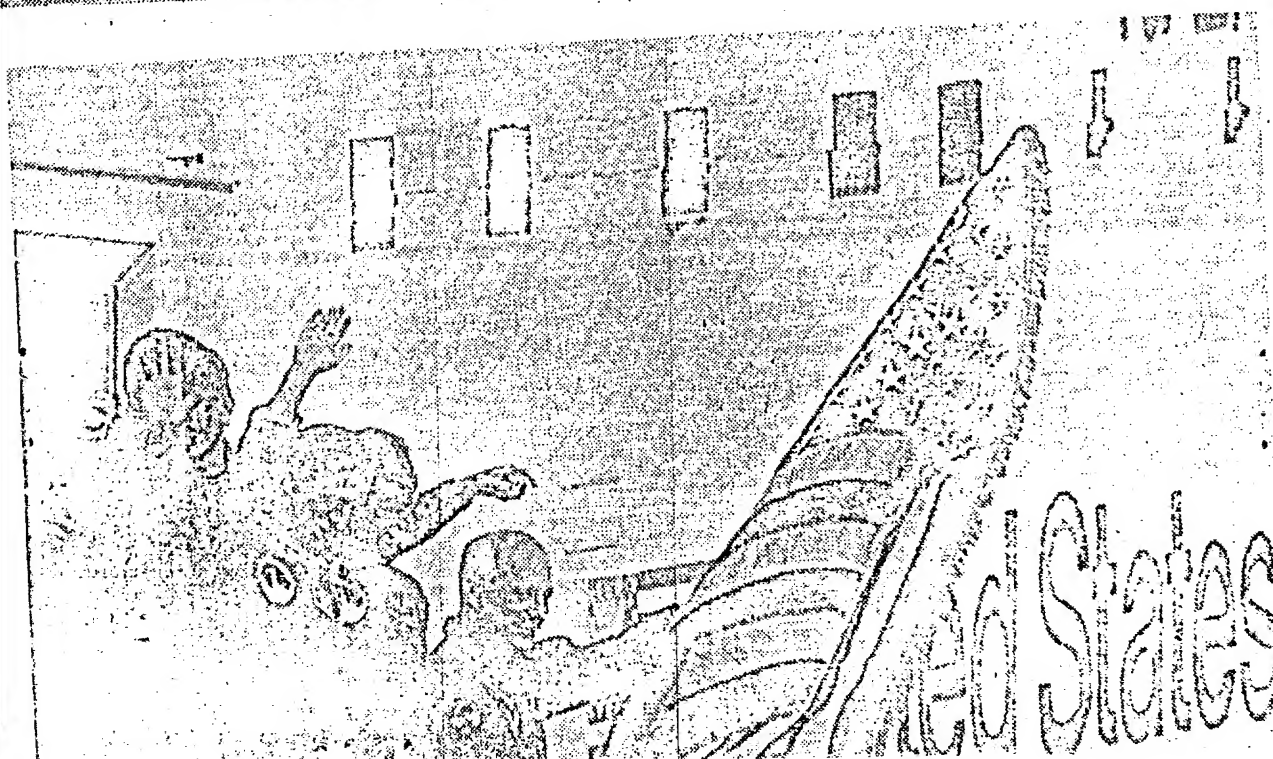
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EDWARDS AIR FORCE
 Calif., Oct. 3—The space shuttle Discovery completed a near-perfect four-day mission today with a flawless landing on a striped lawn in the center of Runway 17.

With a trademark double boom, the shuttle glided to a stop and a three-point touchdown at 12:37:08 EDT, concluding the 28th U.S. mission to space since the 1986 Challenger accident.

The mission was described as an absolutely stunning success by Rear Adm. Richard Truly, NASA's chief of space operations, after he and other officials greeted the five Discovery crew members as they emerged from the orbiter.

"Eat your heart out, Yeager!" commander



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